

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BRIAN DIIPPA
KRYSTAL DIIPPA

Criminal No. 2:23-cr-146

[UNDER SEAL]

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WEST. DIST. OF PENNSYLVANIA

INDICTMENT MEMORANDUM

AND NOW comes the United States of America, by its attorneys, Eric G. Olshan, United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Shaun E. Sweeney, Assistant United States Attorney for said District, submitting this Indictment Memorandum to the Court:

I. THE INDICTMENT

A federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment against the above-named defendants for alleged violations of federal law:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE/DATE</u>	<u>TITLE/SECTION</u>	<u>DEFENDANTS CHARGED</u>
1	Conspiracy April 18, 2023	18 U.S.C. § 371	BOTH
2	Obstruction of Law Enforcement During Civil Disorder On April 18, 2023	18 U.S.C. §§ 2 and 231(a)(3)	BOTH
3	Use of Explosive to Commit Federal Felony On April 18, 2023	18 U.S.C. § 844(h)(1)	BRIAN DIIPPA

II. ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES

A. As to Count 1:

In order for the crime of Conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, to be established, the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That two or more persons agreed to commit offenses against the United States, as charged in the Indictment;
2. That the defendant was a party to or member of that agreement;
3. That the defendant joined the agreement or conspiracy knowing of its objectives to commit offenses against the United States and intending to join together with at least one other alleged conspirator to achieve those objectives; that is, that the defendant and at least one other alleged conspirator shared a unity of purpose and the intent to achieve common goals or objectives, to commit offenses against the United States; and
4. That at some time during the existence of the agreement or conspiracy, at least one of its members performed an overt act in order to further the objectives of the agreement.

Third Circuit Model Criminal Jury Instruction 6.18.371A.

B. As to Count 2:

In order for the crime of Obstruction of Law Enforcement During Civil Disorder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2 and 231(a)(3), to be established, the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That a “civil disorder,” as that term is defined by 18 U.S.C. § 232(1), existed at the time the defendant acted, or attempted to act.

2. That the civil disorder resulted in the obstruction or delay of “commerce,” as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. § 232(2), or adversely affected “commerce.”

3. That the defendant committed an act, or attempted to commit an act for the intended purpose of obstructing, impeding or interfering, either by the defendant or with someone else, in a violent manner with a law enforcement officer or officers.

4. That the officer or officers were lawfully engaged in the performance of their official duties incident to and during the commission of the civil disorder.

5. That the defendant acted willfully.

See 18 U.S.C. §§ 231(a)(3), 232(1) and 232(2); see also, United States v. Casper, 541 F.2d 1275, 1276 (8th Cir. 1976); United States v. Wood, 2021 WL3048448 (D.Del. 2021).

C. As to Count 3:

In order for the crime of Use of Explosive to Commit Federal Felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(h)(1), to be established, the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That the defendant used fire or an explosive to commit an offense that can be prosecuted in a Court of the United States; and

2. That the offense was punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 844(h)(1) and 3581(b)(5) and (b)(6); United States v. Dougherty, 706 Fed. Appx. 736 (3d Cir. 2017); United States v. Martin, 523 F.3d 281, 292 (4th Cir. 2008).

III. PENALTIES

A. As to Count 1: Conspiracy (18 U.S.C. § 371):

1. The maximum penalties for individuals are:

(a) imprisonment of not more than five (5) years (18 U.S.C. § 371);

(b) a fine not more than the greater of;

(1) \$250,000 (18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(3));

or

(2) an alternative fine in an amount not more than the greater of twice the gross pecuniary gain to any person or twice the pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, unless the imposition of this alternative fine would unduly complicate or prolong the sentencing process (18 U.S.C. § 3571(d));

(c) a term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years (18 U.S.C. § 3583);

(d) Any or all of the above.

B. As to Count 2: Obstruction of Law Enforcement During Civil Disorder (18 U.S.C. §§ 2 and 231(a)(3)):

1. The maximum penalties for individuals are:

(a) imprisonment for not more than five (5) years;

(b) a fine not more than the greater of;

(1) \$250,000;

or

(2) an alternative fine in an amount not more than the greater of twice the gross pecuniary gain to any person or twice the pecuniary loss to any person other than the defendant, unless the imposition of this alternative fine would unduly complicate or prolong the sentencing process (18 U.S.C. § 3571(d));

(c) a term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years (18 U.S.C. § 3583);

(d) Any or all of the above.

C. As to Count 3: Use of Explosive to Commit Federal Felony (18 U.S.C. § 844(h)(1)):

1. Individuals - The maximum penalties for individuals are:

(a) imprisonment for not less than ten (10) years, to be served consecutively to the sentence for the underlying felony. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction under this section, the sentence is not less than twenty (20) years, to be served consecutively;

(b) a fine not more than \$250,000;

(c) a term of supervised release of not more than three (3) years;

(d) Any or all of the above.

IV. MANDATORY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 must be imposed at each count upon which the defendant is convicted, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

V. RESTITUTION

Restitution may be required in this case as to each count, together with any authorized penalty, as part of the defendants' sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663, 3663A, and 3664.

VI. FORFEITURE

Not applicable in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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